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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Plans

**VIA:** Chief, CI Staff  
Chief, FI Staff

**SUBJECT:** Visit of President Hubert Schruebbbers of  
the West German Federal Office of the  
Protection of the Constitution (BfV) to  
the United States

1. This memorandum is for the information of the  
Deputy Director for Plans.

2. This memorandum is to confirm the oral arrangements  
made with CI and FI Staffs concerning the visit of  
Mr. Schruebbbers to the United States from 18-20 October 1967.  
Due to the unexpected nature of this visit we were unable to  
submit a memorandum to the DDP beforehand.

3. Mr. Schruebbbers was invited to visit Washington, D.C.,  
by the European Division to consult about the recent defection  
of [ ]. He arrived late in the afternoon of 18 October  
and returned to Germany on 20 October. Mr. Ray Cline, Chief  
of Station, Germany, was housed together with Mr. Schruebbbers  
at the European Division apartment.

4. On Thursday morning, 19 October 1967, Mr. Schruebbbers  
met with Mr. Helms and other Agency officials in the DCI  
conference room. That same afternoon he met with certain  
European and Soviet Bloc Division officers in the conference  
room at 4C24. On Friday morning, 20 October, Mr Schruebbbers  
interviewed [ ]. During his stay in Washington,  
Mr. Schruebbbers was entertained at the expense of the  
European Division. His trip to and from Germany was financed  
by the West German Government.

5. Attached for your information is a biographic sketch  
of Mr. Schruebbbers.

Chief  
European Division

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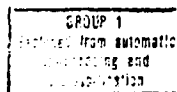
# BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH ON HUBERT SCHRUEBBERS

Hubert Schruebbers is President of the West German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV), the internal security organization.

Schruebbers was born 3 November 1907 in Recklinghausen, North Rhein-Westphalia, Germany. He is a graduate lawyer, first serving as legal civil servant in Berlin beginning in 1935. From 1939 until his provisional appointment as BfV President in 1955, Schruebbers held the post of prosecuting attorney in federal and state courts in the cities of Bochum, Dortmund, Hamm, Arnsberg, Cologne, Karlsruhe, and Dusseldorf. He served with the German Army from August 1943 to May 1946 attaining the rank of Sergeant. In September 1944 he was captured and interned by the British and was released in May 1946.

Schruebbers was appointed provisional president of the BfV in August 1955 upon the retirement of Hans Jess, successor to Otto John. On 19 December 1955, he received the formal appointment. Prior to his BfV presidency, Schruebbers possessed neither experience nor technical knowledge of the intelligence or security fields. After his appointment his stated preference for lawyers and his replacement of a number of experienced intelligence officers in the BfV by inexperienced lawyers was at first a source of dissatisfaction within the BfV. Since then he and his officers have survived several serious public attacks which caused complete reorganization of the BfV in terms of personnel as well as operational procedures. He is now in the process of restoring order and rebuilding morale within the organization in order to continue carrying out efficiently and effectively the internal security of the West German Federal Republic.

Schruebbers, who was never a member of the Nazi Party, has no announced political affiliation but as a Catholic and a conservative, he has leanings toward the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). It was thought that he was also in good standing with the Socialist Party of Germany (SPD). However, the recent Parliamentary investigations into BfV activities reveal that Schruebbers' position was very precarious, and at one point it was uncertain whether or not he would be asked to resign.



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Schruebbers, who speaks and understands a fair amount of English, made a two-week visit to the United States in May of 1957, and again in June of 1965 at the reinvitation of the European Division. He has also been in contact with many American officials in Germany and has consistently expressed an attitude of wholehearted cooperation with Allied agencies in Germany. Those who have had contact with Schruebbers have found him to be a friendly and congenial individual.

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